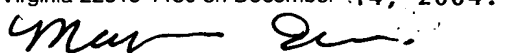
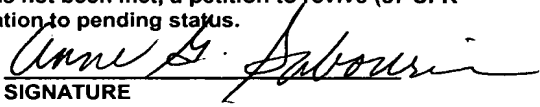


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TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>BASE PAINTS CONTAINING FATTY ACID-MODIFIED EPOXY ESTERS AND/OR FATTY ACID-MODIFIED ALKYD RESINS, METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF AND THEIR USE</b>		
APPLICATION(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Ingo LÜER and Jorn LAVALAYE</b>		
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